



HISTORY™, together with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, invites students to submit short video or multimedia presentations related to their local history or any American history topic.

Submissions must be postmarked by May 28th, 2010. Winners will be notified by June 28th, 2010. For information about how to submit, official contest rules, and a wealth of curriculum resources, visit us online at www.history.com/classroom. Questions? Email us at america@aetn.com



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The Story of Us



STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST

Requirements:

- Create a short video based on any topic related to American history. You can choose a topic related to your own local or community history, or focus on an American history topic that interests you most
- Submit a video of 5 minutes or less along with the official contest submission form
- Contest submissions must include a submission form and a short (250 words maximum) description of the video and the American/local history topic covered

Suggestions:

- Linking with episode topics in *America The Story of Us* is encouraged. Visit history.com/classroom to see the episode descriptions
- Use of primary sources is strongly recommended. Get started by searching the Library of Congress online at www.loc.gov
- Reach out to local libraries, historic societies, archives or even consult your own family files to find documents and items from your local community to incorporate into your video project
- This year, the National History Day contest theme focuses on innovation in history, a great fit with many U.S. history topics. Visit them online to find out how to adapt your video to NHD guidelines and for tips on creating short documentaries: www.nhd.org/CategoryDocumentary.htm

Student Video Contest Categories:

Middle School (6-8th grade)
High School (9th-12th grade)
College (ages 18-21)

Judging Criteria: Relevance to American history (25%); Creativity and originality (25%); Use of primary sources (25%); Quality of video/technique (25%)

Prizing:

There will be three prizes awarded for each contest category.
Grand prize: \$5,000 (1 winner from each level)
First prize: \$2,500 (1 winner from each level)
Second prize: \$1,000 (1 winner from each level)

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